

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Mitsuharu Hirai
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For	:	METHOD OF DETECTING OR QUANTITATIVELY DETERMINING MITOCHONDRIAL DNA 3243 VARIATION, AND KIT THEREFOR
Examiner	:	Mark Staples
Art Unit	:	1637
Conf #	:	4658

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction / Election of Species Requirement from the Examiner sent August 23, 2007.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.